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Argyll Community Day Music Event

This year we are happy to be able to bring some musical talent to our courtyard to celebrate Community Day on September 20th starting at 3:30 PM. It is a free event for residents and is family friendly. Dogs on leash are now welcome to join in (they were not permitted before as we were outside our license area) but please be attentive of them for the safety of others. Food trucks will, once again, be available during the whole event for snacks and meals.

Our Argyll Music Event this year is a wonderful mix of artists. Local Argyll Singer Mila Parker will lead us in singing Oh Canada. We have Kita No Taiko drumming group from the Edmonton Japanese Community to perform for us with a possible return of a piper to join them. Following them will be more per-

cussion from a Marimba group called Sticks and Stones. The Rock and Roll society is, once again, providing a teenage rock band from their CAM program who will play cover songs and some songs they've written too. Our closing act is Night Howl who are an alternative folk band with a Cello playing lead singer.

Please come join us for a music filled day!

If you wish to volunteer to help with this event you only need to check in with the social events committee and they'll find a role for you to take part in. Contact: argyll.social@gmail.com. More details will emerge as we get close to the date, so watch our website our Facebook page, and this newspaper as we complete the planning.

RITCHIE NEW HALL UPDATE

We're building a new hall, and we need your help!

For more than 60 years, Ritchie Community Hall has been a space where neighbours gathered, artists performed, families celebrated, and newcomers found connection. But our beloved building has reached its limit. It's no longer safe, sustainable, or fully accessible.

Now, we're planting the seeds of something new — and we need your help to grow it.

Keep reading to learn more about the Roots for Ritchie Campaign and how you can get involved.

-From Carly (President, Ritchie Community League)

After years of dreaming, designing, and planning — we're thrilled to announce the official launch of the Ritchie Hall Capital Campaign! Our new hall will be net-zero, accessible, and vibrant space built for the next generation of Ritchie neighbours.

-From Katie (Donor Engagement Man-

ager)

We have a bold but achievable goal: raise \$1.5 million by the end of the year. This campaign is about building more than a hall — it's about investing in connection, creativity, and community. Thank you for being part of the journey.

Whether you're a resident, business owner, or community champion, there's a place for you in this campaign:

- Donate: one-time or ongoing, get your name on the donation mural!

- Sponsor a Feature: name a room (like one of the halls) or a feature (like the geothermal pump!). From \$1,000 to \$100,000+, we have unique recognition options for individuals and businesses.

- Volunteer: join our outreach team, deliver flyers, or help us connect with donors.

- Community Bonds: coming soon!

- Support our business partnerships: Aspen Coffee Roasters, Bent Stick Brewing, and Flat Boy Burgers (at Shiddy's Rumpus Room) all have limited time offerings to help support our fundraising efforts!

Strathcona's Old Strath Mini Folk Fest

The Old Strath Mini Folk Fest is Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, 1pm-6pm, at Strathcona Community League, 10139 87 Ave.

Local musicians performing, include:
• Rosina Cove • Morgan Hanna • Amanda Penner & Zack Elliot

Admission is \$10/adult (kids are free).

The Fest is for Community League members and guests (purchase your membership online at strathconacommunity.ca or at the festival). League members will be eligible for fantastic prizes from local businesses:

- Acoustic Music Shop
- Bamboo Ballroom and The Common restaurant (courtesy of the Strathcona Nursery School), and lots more to come!

There will be food trucks on-site, beer,



wine and cider for sale, activities and face painting for kids and a variety of community organizations sharing info. We need volunteers to make this happen — email social@strathconacommunity.ca if you can help out.

Bring your own folding chairs, blankets, sunscreen, water bottles, etc. to the Mini Folk Fest.

Stay tuned to the website/newsletter and our social media for new prizes, additions to the line up, artist spotlights and more.

September 20 is EFCL Community League Day

A neighbourhood might be the place you live in, but a community is a place where you belong: community is about the things that make us feel connected, that make us feel at home.

This September, Edmonton's annual Community League Day returns with a message for everyone, old or new: you're welcome here. No two Community League Day events are exactly the same, but they all share the same goal: making sure every Edmontonian knows they have a place to belong.

"For over 100 years, Edmontonians have known the best way to get to know your neighbours, the best way to explore what the city has to offer, the way to get the most out of your neighbourhood, is to be a part of their Community League," said Laura Cunningham-Shpeley, Executive Director of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL). "We really want everyone to have that experience. We want to tell them that, no matter what you're here for, we're here, and you're welcome to join us."

This year, the EFCL is hoping to un-

derscore the importance of reaching out to Edmontonians who may not yet know about the League in their area and encourage them to become members. Edmonton has welcomed hundreds of thousands of new residents in the past few years, who might not be familiar with Community Leagues — which are a one-of-a-kind, made-in-Edmonton institution for fostering community.

"I think one of the really amazing things about Community Leagues is that you shape them as you participate in them," says Cunningham-Shpeley. "They're all a reflection of their communities, which means all you need to do is show up, and you're a part of it."

Community League Day offers a chance to strengthen the roots that hold it together: neighbourliness, participation, and the joy of feeling welcome.

You can find more information, including a map of Community League Day events and how to find your local League, at CLDay.ca.

Article provided by Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL)

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Community Leagues... where neighbours meet and great things happen!	
Board meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month, September to June, at 7:00 p.m. All community league members are welcome to attend. For more information, e-mail president@strathconacommunity.ca	

The Strathcona Centre Community League is on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StrathconaCL/>. Follow on X @StrathconaCL Instagram @strathconaleague BlueSky @strathconacl.bsky.social

The copy deadline for the October-November 2025 issue of Community League News South is September 15, 2025. Please contact Donna Fong, Newsletter Editor, at 780-433-5702, or by e-mail at donna.fong@shaw.ca.

Diversity and Inclusion Events

-Beading Workshop
Join Indigenous artist Illyana Cardinal of Be Silly by Silly for a hand-beading workshop.

Date: Saturday, August 16

Time: 12:00 – 5:00 pm

Fee: \$46 (discounts for students and Strathcona Community League members). Register and pay online at the Strathcona Community League website.

Location: Strathcona Community League, 10139 87 Avenue, 2nd floor Lounge (use the ramp on the north side of the building)

Supplies: All supplies and beading bundles are provided.

-Thanks to all at 2S Drag Bingo

Twenty-one community members of all ages had a fun time at the 2S Drag Bingo on June 29th with hosts JojoMojo and Tugs in the Strathcona Community League hall. It was great to see bingo prizes for everyone from local Indigenous artists. This free event celebrated both Pride Month and Indigenous People History Month.

For information about Diversity and Inclusion events, email Amy and Lauren at diversity@strathconacommunity.ca.

Pub Nights

Pub nights are held once a month, upstairs in either the Upper Lounge or Upper Hall, 10139 87 Avenue. Come buy a drink and connect with an old friend/neighbour or meet a new one! Soft drinks and snacks provided.

-8:00 pm

-Kids welcome (except on Trivia Nights,

as we don't have room)

-Members and guests (get your membership online at strathconacommunity.ca or at the pub night)

-September pub night is Friday, Sept 12th - Upper Lounge (use the south door)

-October pub night is Friday, October 17th

2025-2026 Indoor Soccer Registration

<https://emsasouth.com/register/register/>
Registration will be accepted online from August 5th to September 4th, 2025.

Ensure your registration is fully completed and paid for by September 4th to join the fun!

If any part of your registration is incomplete (EMSA Soccer Portal registration, TeamSnap registration, payment, or volunteer deposit) or if you're registering after September 4, your athlete will automatically be added to the waitlist. Waitlisted participants will only be contacted to complete payment if there's space available AFTER teams are formed.

Rosters will be released towards the end of September. Parents will receive a TeamSnap invite.

Schedules will be posted on the EMSA South website on October 3rd after 5:00pm

Game times for each age group will vary on their designated day. You do not have the option to choose the time your athlete plays.

The season begins on October 11, 2025, and runs until mid February.

Summer Green Shack Program

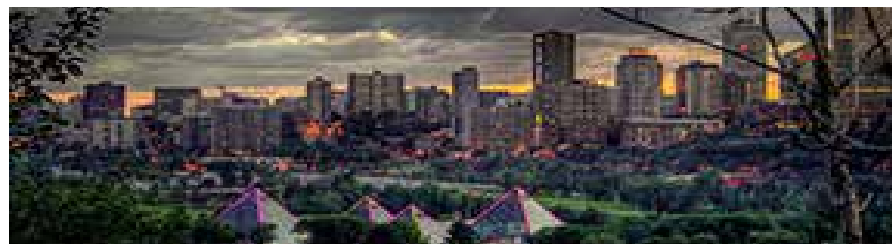
The City of Edmonton is pleased to offer the free drop-in Green Shack Program at the Strathcona Community League. Until August 21, 2025

Monday-Friday

2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Strathcona Community League. Next to the spray park 10139 87 Ave

Each day of the week you will get active and experience a variety of crafts, games, sports, and free play! This program is targeted for children aged 6-12, but all children accompanied by an adult are welcome to attend. For more information, call 311 or visit: <https://edmonton.ca/Greenshacks>



Programs

Registered Adult programs are held in the Upper Hall on the 2nd floor of Strathcona Community League, 10139 87 Avenue (up the ramp on the north side of the building). Programs will be announced on the league website, social media, and e-newsletter.

If you are interested in a new program, please review this webpage.

<https://strathconacommunity.ca/programs/suggest-a-program-or-service/>

Please email Donna Fong, Programs Director, at programs@strathconacommunity.ca. A minimum number of participants are required in order to launch a new program.

Fees for full session and single classes are to be paid online (credit card or debit) at the league's website (Programs tab) <https://strathconacommunity.ca/>

-Yoga Programs with Corinne McNally Gentle Yoga

Mondays

Sep 8-Oct 27. 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Fee: \$90.00. Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays

Sep 10-Oct 29. 8 classes. 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$102.00. Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Tweens/Teens Yoga

Wednesdays

Sep 10-Oct 29. 8 classes. 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Fee: \$102.00 (full session)

Hatha Flow Yoga

Thursdays

Sep 11-Oct 30. 8 classes. 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Fee: \$102.00. Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Requirements: Valid Community League membership (any league). Bring your own yoga mat and props, please refrain from wearing scented products

Classes taught by Certified Yoga instructor Corinne McNally. For inquiries about programs, email corinne@lotusmoonyoga.ca. Website: <https://www.lotusmoonyoga.ca/>

-Slow Yoga with Janice Williamson

Sep 9-Oct 28, 2025. 8 classes. 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Fee: \$102.00 full session. Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Requirements: Valid Community League membership (any league). Bring your own yoga mat and props, please refrain from wearing scented products.

Register and pay online.

-Full Moon Circle with Kaliegh Boyce

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Monthly dates: Sun, Sep 7; Mon, Oct 6; Wed, Nov 5; Thu, Dec 4 (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

Fee: \$26.00

What to bring:

- A pen and a journal
- Something to sit on (yoga mat, pillow, bolster, backjack)
- A vessel for tea

What to expect:

- A gathering of lovely humans
- Embodied movement / yoga flow (jazzy and soulful tunes)
- Guided meditation
- Journaling prompts
- Group share
- Warm beverage

Kaliegh's wellness programs are rooted in personal and professional backgrounds in visual arts, music, outdoor education and wilderness guiding. Kaliegh has spent a decade coaching and guiding a variety of outdoor sports such as white-water canoeing, rock climbing, mountain biking and snowboarding. She is a musician, a singer-songwriter and a mixed-media visual artist.

-Chakra Series: Mindful Movements with Kaliegh Boyce

Mondays. Sep 8-Oct 27 (7 classes). 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Fee: \$90.00. Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Back for a second series, join certified yoga instructor, Kaliegh Boyce, for a 7-week chakra series.

Chakras are energy centers in the body that affect the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects of a person. Focusing on these chakras can be an important way to consider how your energy is flowing.

For more information, contact Kaliegh at kaliegh.boyce@gmail.com.

-Art Classes at the Hall with Berna Ponich

Fall art classes will resume on September 20th. Watch for registration in early September. Total 10 classes

Dates:

Sep 20, 27; Oct 04, 25; Nov 01, 08, 22, 29; Dec 06, 13

Fee: \$206.00. All materials included.

Ages 6 and up

Class 1 - 10:00 - 11:30 am

Class 2 - 11:30 - 1:00 pm

Maximum 12 students

Location: Small meeting room, lower floor, 10139 87 Avenue

Requirement: Valid Community League membership (any league).

For more information, email Berna at berna@telus.net.

Community Times at Commonwealth

The Strathcona Community League is pleased to offer free times at the Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre, 11000 Stadium Rd. Just show your current membership card (digital or printed) to the attendant at the facility for free entrance to the pools, fitness centre, and gymnasium during the community league time. Use of amenities are strictly during the two-hour period (no extensions) and subject to capacity limits in each area.

Saturdays; 3:00 pm -5:00 pm; Until Aug 30, 2025

New: Sep 12, 2025-June 27, 2026

Sundays; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Until Aug 31, 2025

New: Sep 12, 2025-June 28, 2026

The Recreation Centre has a 4-lane fitness pool, leisure saltwater pool with spray features, water slide, aquatic climbing wall, whirlpool, steam room, fitness centre and gymnasium. Participants in the Community Swim Program should review the Use of Premises and Pool Safety Rules provided by the City of Edmonton as part of its agreement with the Strathcona Centre Community League. Visit our webpage <https://strathconacommunity.ca/community-swim>

Sport and Fitness

-Sip & Stroll

Get to know your neighbours at our monthly Sip & Stroll event! Grab your coffee and meet us at The Colombian (8905-99 Street NW) where we will head into the river valley for a walk. Planned distance is 4-5 km. A great way to meet new people and enjoy the weather!

Sunday dates, 10:00 am

Sep 7; Oct 5; Nov 2; Dec 7

-Pickleball/Tennis

The community league is in process of applying sport court coating and lines

in August. Stay tuned to your socials for more details about the Tennis and Pickleball schedule.

-EFCL Community League Bike Month Challenge

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Community League Bike Month Challenge. There were more than 1000 riders from 32 Leagues across the city who collectively rode over 142,000 km! Thank you to all of our community members in Strathcona who contributed 7,834 km to the total. Well done everyone!

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How to become a member?

The SCCL is working hard to make our community a great place to live so please help us out by purchasing or renewing your membership.

Please visit the website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/league/membership/>

If you have any questions, email membership@strathconacommunity.ca, or leave a voice message at the hall at 780-439-1501.

More about a membership

A membership year starts September 1st and ends August 31, and is for those living within our boundaries. The cost is:

-Family \$20 – A family is any group residing in one household, acting as a family unit, with a maximum of two votes per

household.

-Single \$15

-Senior \$5 An individual of 65 years or older.

-Student \$5

Benefits of a Membership:

Why be a SCCL member? There are many reasons:

-A voice on issues in our community (transportation, zoning, housing, etc.)

-A connection to news and events in the community (e-mail list, website, newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, X)

-Social events like Winterfest, Mini Folk Fest, BBQs, Trivia Night, pub nights

-Free skating on our rinks

-Free court use for pickleball

-Free access to Community Swim Program at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

-Up to 20% discount at City of Edmonton Recreation facilities (e.g., Kinsmen Sports Centre)

-Discounts on hall rental

-Children's soccer and skating

-Access to Programs such as Mindful Movements, Yoga, Art, and more

-Edmonton Tool Library (access to over 800 tools)

-Branded toques for purchase (\$20)

-10% discount at Blowers & Grafton, 10550 82 Ave NW

-10% off at Global Pet Foods, Strathcona location, 7904 104 Street

New!

Strathcona Centre Community League members can now receive **15% off rentals at Totem Outdoor Outfitters**, 7430 99 Street NW.

The League now has a limited supply of physical 5-punch cards available for pick up (with more to be printed, if needed).

Please email membership@strathconacommunity.ca for pick up location and hours. Pick up is not likely to be same day, so please plan ahead.

One per household per season. Summer and Winter punch cards available

To redeem, you must present the punch card in person to Totem staff.

Community Wellness and Safety

The Director of Community Wellness and Safety is an advocate for those aspects that make our neighbourhood welcoming, secure and desirable to residents and visitors. This includes attention given to matters of crime prevention, but also extends to other aspects of neighbourhood wellness such as accessibility, safety around roadways and care for

our community's most vulnerable. The Director attends monthly meetings of the Old Strathcona Area Community Collaborative including our league, the Edmonton Public Library, Edmonton Police Service (EPS), Old Strathcona Business Association, YESS, and others. Acting Director Gord Lacey can be reached at safety@strathconacommunity.ca.

Summer Fun Stations

Until August 31, 2025

Sign up for an activity kit with chalk, bubbles & other goodies to put out on your front sidewalk for the community to use.

Watch as kids and adults flock to make pretty art on your sidewalk and play! It's a great way to meet your neighbours and have some fun.

Sign up here – <https://forms.gle/tJ2iB-DLMY6T7Z1VG6>

See the Station Map: <https://tinyurl.com/37bp4baz>

Let's turn our streets into summer play zones! Thanks to Amanda Schutz for leading this fun program for Strathcona Community League!

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Civics and the Planning Report

The Strathcona Community League maintains a database of building developments, planning and transportation issues, urban design projects, and community initiatives. To learn more about issues and proposed development projects, please contact Sabine Roche, Civics and Planning Director, at civics@strathconacommunity.ca.

Hall Rentals

Main Hall

Capacity 105

Seats 60 to 80 depending on table arrangement

Amenities include hardwood floors, balcony, stage, bar, full kitchen, dishes and cutlery, tables and chairs.

Lounge

Capacity 60

Seats 30-35 depending on table arrangement

Amenities include a bar, fireplace, piano, tables and chairs.

Small Meeting Room

Seats 8 to 10

Amenities include a kitchen.

To check availability and for a virtual tour, visit the website

<https://strathconacommunity.ca/hall-rentals/>

To make a booking or for more information contact Scott at rentals@strathconacommunity.ca or 780-439-1501.

-Additional charges apply for set-up or

clean-up day, and kitchen use by caterer.

-Discounts may be available for multiple bookings.

-All renters must purchase third party liability insurance.

-Kids' birthday party rate for members of at least 6 months, Sundays 1pm to 5pm: \$50

-Members of at least 6 months and non-profit groups receive a 25% discount on rates

A/V equipment available to rent.

Discounts on Hall Rentals

Rental deals - another benefit of membership! Did you know that members of at least 6 months are eligible for a discount on hall rentals? And we are now providing the option to pay with a credit card. In addition, we have implemented a special kids' birthday party rate of \$50 on Sunday afternoons. Note that renters for any event must obtain third party liability insurance. Check out our rental info on our website, or call 780-439-1501.

Fringe Festival

The 44th Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival returns to the heart of Old Strathcona August 14 – 24. As in previous years, there will be an impact to the community during the festival with road closures, set up, events, and tear down.

Main Area Setup: started August 8, 2025

Festival Dates: August 14 – 24, 2025

Tear Down: ends August 29, 2025

SET UP LOCATIONS

85Ave – 83 Ave between Calgary Trail and Gateway Blvd

Setup begins July 14

Thursday, August 7 – Parking restrictions begin

Friday, August 8:

-Relocation of Strathcona Recycling Depot,

-Activation at Dr. Wilbert McIntyre Park and Lighthouse Park

-Road closures (including the 83rd Ave bike lane)



Things will be especially busy around Holy Trinity Anglican Church (3 venues), the Yardbird Suite (2 venues) and the Strathcona Community League parking lot.

Questions or concerns? Visit <https://www.fringetheatre.ca/festival/> or email hello@fringetheatre.ca

Movie Events

Thanks to community members for attending family-friendly events during the past year. Our league will resume movie nights resume in the fall, subject to the availability of the hall and event volunteers.

Movie events for participating community

leagues are made possible through the Edmonton Federation of Community League's license with Audio CineFilms. For more information, contact Emily, Social Director, at social@strathconacommunity.ca. Watch social media posts for future movie events.

Consider Another Option

We often ask people if they would like to volunteer with our League, run a program, staff a casino, or help out at our public events. Most of the time people say they would love to if only they had the time. We understand the demands on families these days. It's very different from a few decades ago. Things are complicated by not having enough available time, by obligations to other family, by the pressure of working, and from some awareness of the commitment required to really make a meaningful contribution. These are real things.

In recent years we have been blessed with many volunteering residents who enjoy holding events, love getting people together, and wish for their children to grow up feeling a part of this neighbourhood. As times changed the pool of people available has begun to shrink. We are still able to manage the very few programs we run, and we are still able to hold the free public events we all love to attend. We are grateful for all the people who do volunteer, but we know not everyone – in the smallest neighbourhood in the city – can give us their time, experience, or their expertise.

In 2017 some research was done in Canada to determine how the monetary value of one hour of volunteer time had an average value of \$35. Today this number has risen to \$40. Inflation hits everything, I know. What this means is volunteers actually donate real value when they become engaged in their community. The Edmonton Community Foundation reported that across the

province the value of volunteers reached \$6.5 billion in 2023. This foundation provides funding for a seriously large number of community pursuits, from building facilities to operating cultural groups and plenty more small and large grants. They favour groups who have a stable of volunteers. We do not always succeed in getting grants.

As much fun as it can be to become a volunteer, we recognize how difficult it is for families to set aside some of their valuable time into helping their league. But there is another option. Donations to support our activities are a reasonable alternative to volunteering in person. The work done to establish our community garden project was supported by donations from residents and our local church making it possible to cover part of the costs. Donations helped us replace our aging playground into the fantasy world it is for our children today.

If you cannot donate your time, perhaps have a family discussion around donating some funds to keep things going until you can, in some bright future, bring some of your time to your league. Donations can be left in the Center's mailbox as a hand-delivered cheque or can be arranged to be donated directly to Argyll Community League through our treasurer. Contact our office at 780.466.8166 to find out how you can make a contribution.

Sincerely,
Dave Trautman, president
Argyll Community League
Edmonton, AB
T6E 5H6

Ever wonder what is going on over at the centre?

You can see the extent of use our facility gets by having a look at the Booking Schedule posted online. < <https://www.argyllcl.ab.ca/calendar.html> > This is a live calendar, which updates daily, it shows what regularly scheduled bookings are happening in various rooms, as well as weekend bookings for special events or rentals from outside Argyll. Both ACL and EJCA events are listed so it often looks a bit crowded. If you are looking ahead at a need to use the centre, this calendar can give you an idea of how far in advance you

might need to plan for a booking.

There is also a Calendar link on our site for all the City's bookings in Argyll Sports Park. It is useful to know when events or activities will happen in the Sports Park and its related facilities. The link appears in our Site Menu and on the Events Page. Our Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (NRC) is happy to take any calls regarding the bookings which appear there. Their number can be found on our Contacts Page — as well as an e-mail address for them.

Argyll in your Mailbox and Online

Our **Facebook Page** is a good source of up-to-date information about each of our public events. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/argyllcl> to see what's happening in the run up to any event and see photos after the event.

Occasionally Argyll will drop a printed brochure into your mailbox regarding events, programs, or issues. Keep an eye out for the Argyll Logo on these brochures so they don't get missed in the bundle of ad-

vertising which usually fills our mailboxes.

Also, check on our web site for issues affecting the neighbourhood and other related items. Send us a note about things you think our community would be interested in through our Contact page. Look for it the next time you visit our site. Our web site address is: www.argyllcl.ab.ca

If you wish to be added to our EVENTS e-mail distribution list, get your name into argyll.social@gmail.com.



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Seeking a new President

Just another reminder to talk to your neighbours about nominating someone for the position of president. At our upcoming 2025 AGM in September our current president will not be standing for re-election. If you know of anyone in the community who might be an excellent leader for our league, please bring their name forward on Wednesday

September 24th. Details about the meeting will be posted on our website early in September. If there are questions about the role of president, you can contact the current president by phone; 780.966.9310 and he can provide more information. We think our president has done enough and it's time for some new ideas and programs.

Community Swimming

Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre is the venue for our Community Swimming. Each Saturday from 3:00:PM – 5:00:PM members of Argyll community may swim in the pool. These bookings will continue each Saturday until September.

This is a free-swimming opportunity for Argyll families to have a regular two-hour period of pool use, exclusively for Community League Members. Of course, you must present your Family Membership card at the pool for entry. Health restrictions are

posted, and the usual behavioral rules apply for being in the pool area. There may be restrictions. If you contact the venue in advance, they can explain any restrictions or changes. Access to other amenities is not free, just the swimming.

Argyll Community League is pleased to be able to offer this to our residents and families and we hope it is useful to you through the winter and into summer. Use of the pool does not include access to any other leisure facilities within the recreation centre.



From the President's Desk: Summer 2025 Update

Dear Hazeldean Community,
Long summer evenings, the hum of bikes on our trails, and the sound of kids laughing in Hazeldean Park—it's a good season to be here. As I look back on these past few months, I'm reminded again that our community's strength comes from the small, joyful moments we create together and the big, shared projects we tackle side by side.

-Summer So Far...

We've packed a lot of life into the season already, and it's all thanks to your energy and involvement.

-A Summer Kick-Off to Remember

On the last day of school, we welcomed neighbours to our Summer Kick-Off BBQ. The grills sizzled, the music played, and the Freezies flowed freely. More than 200 people joined in, proving once again that Hazeldean knows how to throw a summer

party.

-June Bike Month—Pedal Power!

Hazeldean riders truly brought their A-game this year. We finished 2nd place out of 31 participating communities in the City of Edmonton's Bike Month challenge, logging an incredible 13,000+ kilometres on two wheels. From daily commuters to weekend riders, every pedal stroke helped put us on the podium and showcase our community's active spirit.

-A Mural Worth Celebrating

It's here! Our new mural, designed and painted by local artist and Edmonton Public Schools teacher Shannon Brown, is complete—and it looks amazing. Bright, bold, and full of heart, it tells a story of connection, nature, and creativity that feels uniquely Hazeldean. If you haven't yet, take a stroll by the hall to see it in person, it's already become a favourite

photo spot.

-Keeping Hazeldean Beautiful

Our community shines because of the incredible neighbours and League volunteers who put in hours of sweat equity to keep our spaces welcoming. This summer, a dedicated crew pulled grass and weeds from over 2,000 square feet of flowerbeds around the Community Hall, laid down fresh landscape fabric and cedar mulch, and began selecting and planting new flowers and shrubs to bring even more colour to the space.

Beyond the hall, volunteers have been actively picking up garbage, reporting graffiti, and addressing vandalism in our parks and green spaces. These behind-the-scenes efforts may not always make headlines, but they make a visible—and lasting—difference. Thank you to everyone who rolls up their sleeves to care for

Hazeldean.

-Advocacy & Action

We've continued to make our voices heard on local priorities:

Working with the City to improve pedestrian safety on our streets.

Advocating Mill Creek Ravine's ecological health.

Supporting housing security conversations following redevelopment in our area.

I'm grateful for every conversation on the sidewalk, every laugh shared at an event, and every act of kindness that makes our neighbourhood stronger. Let's keep building this together.

With gratitude,

Kristopher Skinner

President, Hazeldean Community League

president@hazeldean.org

Help Us Give Hazeldean Hall a New Lease in Life

If you've been to an event, meeting, or class at Hazeldean Hall, you know it's more than just a building, it's our neighbourhood's living room. For over 70 years, it's been the backdrop to a myriad of functions which help bind our community together. Time and weather have taken their toll, and the hall now needs serious exterior repairs to keep it safe, welcoming for decades to come.

-What Needs to Be Done

The exterior "envelope" of the hall, the stucco, windows, and insulation have to be replaced. Without repair, these materials will continue to deteriorate, causing energy loss, water damage, and higher maintenance

costs. Therefore we need to:

Replace the stucco with durable, weather-resistant materials

Install energy-efficient windows

Upgrade insulation

Repair and seal exterior walls to prevent water penetration. This isn't just about looks, it's about ensuring the hall remains safe, functional, and cost-efficient.

-The Funding Challenge

The estimated cost is over \$400,000. While it's a big number, it's achievable. We will be applying for funding through:

City of Edmonton grants for community facility renewal

Province of Alberta grants that support infrastructure and cultural spaces

Donations from residents, and businesses, who believe in Hazeldean's future

We'll need to combine all three sources to succeed and that's where you come in.

We're forming a volunteer Hall Revitalization Fundraising Committee to lead the charge in securing the funds we need. This group will:

Research and apply for municipal and provincial grants

Plan and host creative fundraising events in the community

Reach out to local businesses and sponsors for support

Help share our story

You don't need to be a grant-writing expert or a professional fundraiser, just bring your en-

ergy, ideas, and willingness to help. If you can commit to a few hours a month or take on a bigger role, your contribution will make a difference.

-Why It Matters

Hazeldean Hall is a place where we gather, celebrate, and create memories. This revitalization will give us another 70 years.

-Be Part of Hazeldean's Next Chapter

If you'd like to join the Hall Revitalization Fundraising Committee—or even just learn more about what's involved—please reach out to us at president@hazeldean.org. We'll be holding an information session in the coming weeks, and we'd love to see new faces at the table.

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, October 14

Join us at Hazeldean Hall for our Annual General Meeting, where we'll reflect on the past year, elect new board members, and hear from special guest speakers. This is your chance to get involved, ask questions, and help shape the future of your community. Everyone is welcome!

Community Day

Saturday, September 20

Hazeldean is turning 70, and we're throwing a birthday bash to remember! Mark your calendar now—we've got big things planned to honour seven decades of neighbourly love, laughter, and leadership. Stay tuned for details but trust us... you won't want to miss this party.

Follow us Online

There are several ways you can follow us online:
Website: www.hazeldean.org

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Popsicles in the Park

We're bringing the chill to the playground! Keep an eye out for Hazeldean Community League volunteers popping up at the Hazeldean

Park playground throughout the summer to hand out free popsicles to kids (and kids-at-heart). It's our way of spreading a little joy..

Chalk the Walk – Date TBA

We're turning the greenbelt path into a temporary outdoor art gallery! Grab some chalk and unleash your creativity as

we brighten up the paved path with colourful doodles, messages, and masterpieces. Details will be announced on Facebook!

Hazeldean 25/26 Annual Membership Drive

As we approach the end of the 24/25 membership year, we'd like to encourage you to renew your membership.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ritchie Community League is dedicated to advocacy, social gatherings, and the health and wellness of our residents and neighbours throughout the area.

Although we collaborate with professionals and organizations to bring activities to Ritchie, it's the volunteers who keep us alive and well—and doing so for over 100 years! (WOW!)

Now, you may have heard that we're building a new hall, and we need a variety of hands to get that done. The folks behind a lot of the work up-to-date sit on the Ritchie Hall Revitalization Committee (RHRC). And they could use some extra help over the next year or two.

The committee's current members meet with contractors and the city, help with grant writing, get information to the board, and engage with community members. And they are looking to add two people to their team! Read on and see if there's a match!

- RHRC Secretary

The RHRC Secretary is responsible for taking minutes at monthly committee meetings to ensure there is a record of recommendations to the board made and tracks the actions. They keep all our documents organized for grant applications and reporting. This position starts as early as September 2025.

-RHRC Treasurer

The RHRC Treasurer submits and tracks the invoices and confirmed payments for the building and site project. This role works within the RHRC to ensure payment information is available for grant reporting, with support from the Ritchie Community League Treasurer. This position starts January 2026. The term is for 1-2 years, with the opportunity to extend into Phase 2.

If you are interested in either of the positions above, or would like to learn more please contact our Executive Committee: Executive@Ritchie-League.com

THANK YOU!

To everyone who showed up at our Community BBQ in July—whether you came to eat dogs, meet a firefighter, or set up 200 chairs—we appreciate you! Our flagship summer event started with a bag when the Snowbirds flew overhead! Unrelated, but spectacular. Only to be topped by the appearance of our local firefighters. Once the kids all had the photo taken in the cab, they were off to explore the spray deck, park and cover our sidewalks with beautiful chalk creations.

A group from the nearby Creekside condos weren't the only ones reconnect-

ing with neighbours and inviting strangers to join their table. Friends of friends and folks driving by mingled with longtime neighbours and volunteers, until the sauerkraut was long gone. Note to organizers, more sauerkraut in 2026!

To our volunteers we offer the biggest thank you 190 words can buy. You served 375 brats and buns, made sure the pop and chips flowed freely, and tidied up in record time. And you did it in the heat with kindness and a smile on your face! We appreciate you! You're the reason we kept overhearing the phrase "Ritchie is the best!" all night long.

RITCHIE SUMMER PROGRAMS

-Green Shack: Monday through Friday, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

-Coffee drop in: Tuesdays, 10 to noon

-Public Market, Tuesdays 3:30 to 7:30 pm

-Men's Shed: Saturdays at 10am

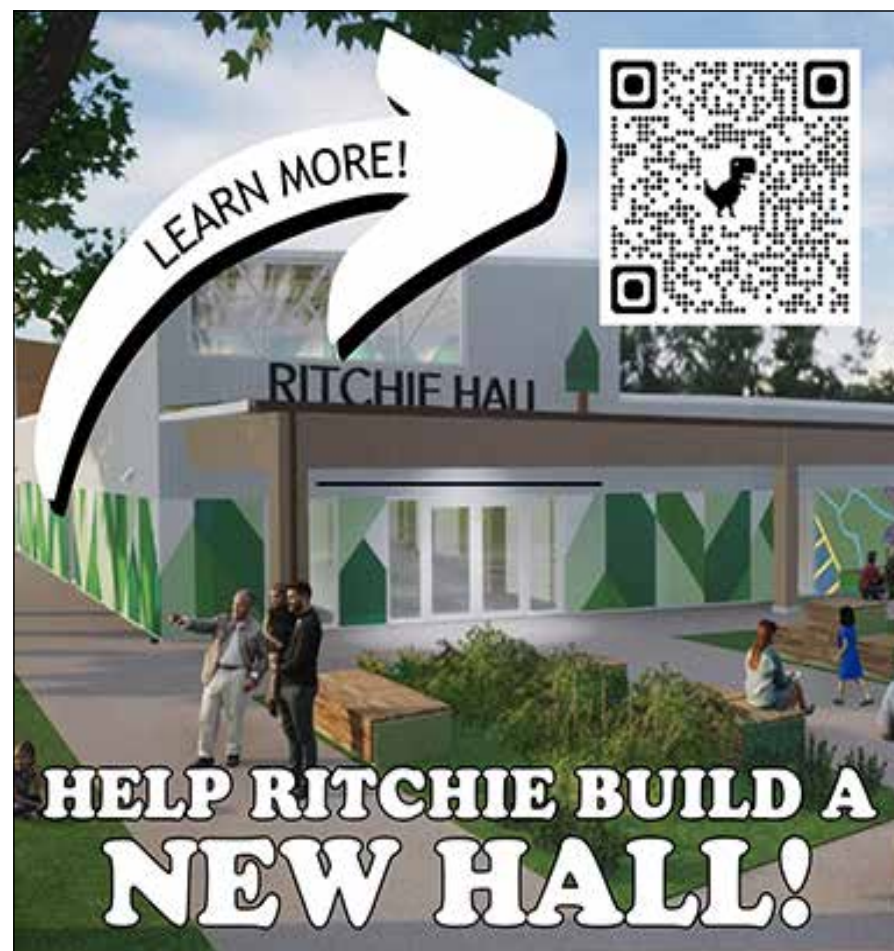
-Pickleball drop in: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (times vary)

-Garden Meetup: last Wednesday of the month

We are now finalizing our class schedule for the fall! Help us fill the calendar! Please get in touch if you have an adult or kids program, you'd like to offer in our hall: programs@ritchie-league.com



EVENTS @ RITCHIE HALL



RITCHIE EVENTS CALENDAR



-Community League Day: September 20

-Pub Night: August 30, September 27

-Crafternoon: September 28

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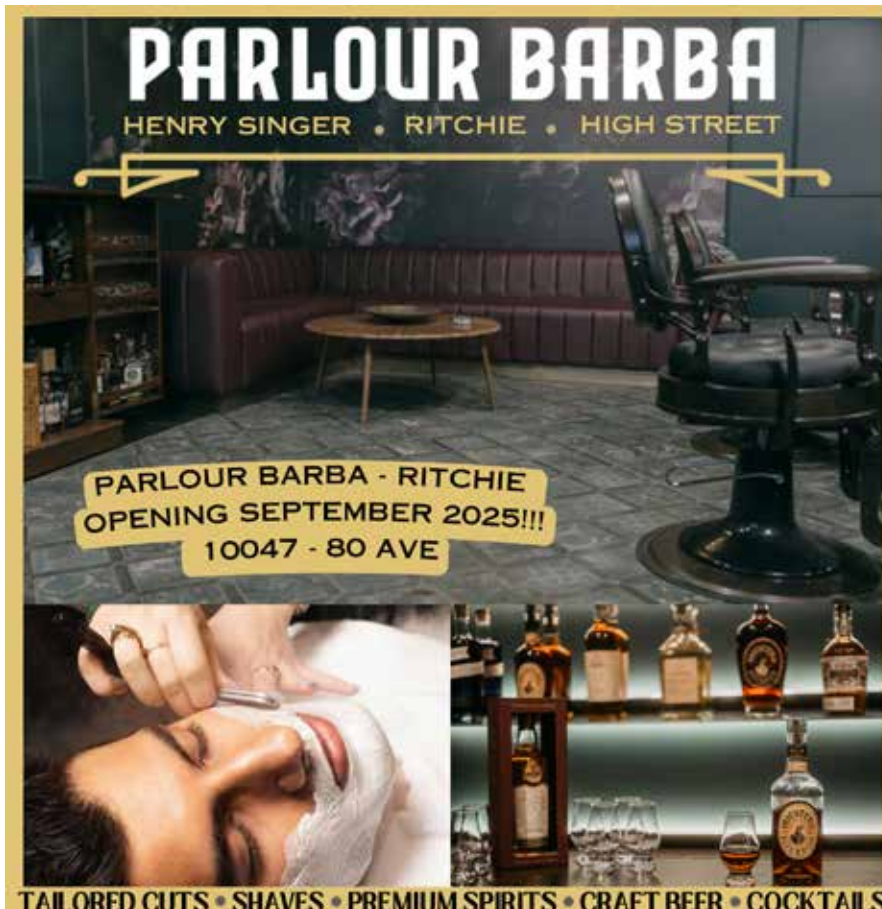
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